

Living in a market where the newspaper owner also controls one network and one cable TV outlet, I urge the FCC not to relax its policies on cross-ownership. If anything, the FCC should enforce its rules more strictly.

The newspaper shamelessly promotes programming on its TV affiliates. In an era when most cities do not have more than one newspaper, this creates an unfair competitive climate for the other TV stations in the market who have no print publication to sing their praises.

Of course, cross-ownership also lessens the quality of news in both TV and print media, who become more concerned with the cross-marketing opportunities they can provide their sponsors. Meaningful news coverage and public dialog on the local level has all but disappeared. Hopefully the FCC will understand that its role is to allow free and open communication, not to suppress it.

Thank you.